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**AWARD WINNING AUTHOR PENS THRILLER THAT CASTS A LIGHT
ON A DISREGARDED AMERICAN EPIDEMIC.**

...SOME TRUTHS ARE BEST TOLD UNDER THE GUISE OF FICTION

America, best known for its freedoms, prosperity and resilience, is suffering from a terrifying condition. Unseen by most, it has become a disregarded, deadly epidemic. A plight so monumental, it endangers a generation.

Child homelessness.

1.3 million youth a day live on the streets of the richest country in the world.

Whether runaways or throwaways, no matter if they sleep in abandoned buildings, train stations or under bridges, hundreds of thousands of our children have nowhere to call home.

Award winning author, **Alicia Singleton's** gripping debut suspense, *Dark Side of Valor*, reveals the devastating damage caused by this phenomenon while hurling readers into the lives of its unforgettable characters.

Child advocate Lelia Freeman saves children for a living. As the director of ChildSafe Shelters, she ventures to abandoned squats and crack houses to rescue teens from the hellish streets of Los Angeles.

When she is summoned to Washington to serve on a committee that aids the children of a war-torn African nation, Lelia is kidnapped and becomes a political pawn in an evil conspiracy. Oceans away from everything she knows, she must trust a mercenary to save her life, or die in the clutches of a psychopath.

Hunting, combat and staying alive are Elijah Dune's specialties. Vengeance is his passion. Haunted by past demons, he's travels to the Mother Land to collect a debt. A debt that demands one payment. Death.

Caught in the crosshairs of a madman, Lelia and Elijah must survive the jungles of Zaire and the horrors of their pasts or be forever consumed by the DARK SIDE OF VALOR.

Praise for Dark Side of Valor

“A well-paced novel of suspense that veers into romance and ends like a thriller.”

Kirkus Reviews

“This is an exciting romantic suspense starring two people connected by their love for his daughter and their guilt over their failure to protect his child. The story line is fast-paced with the East African war torn background vividly horrifying.”

The Mystery Gazette

“The mere subject matter of this book is enough to keep this a page turning delight. As such, it catches your attention as you read the prolog for things to come. *Dark Side of Valor*, though its a debut offering, reads like a narrative that makes you appreciate good writing and how an author has truly done his/her homework for viability.”

**Alvin Romer
The Romer Review**

“Readers, who love to be challenged, entertained, and to read a story that will remain with them long after the final page is turned, will not want to miss this novel! If I could give this novel more than 5 stars, I gladly would. Singleton has definitely solidified her place as a strong, emerging literary voice with this debut novel.”

**Angelique
APOOO BookClub**

About the Author

By her sophomore year in college, Alicia Singleton knew she was born to be a writer. Too intimidated to change her major, she continued her nursing studies and received her Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing in 1987. Many years later, the dream deferred became reality when her debut novel, ***Dark Side of Valor***, won the Sistah Circle National Book Club Best Thriller Award. Alicia was also awarded the National Association of Women Writers Award of Excellence from the Maryland Chapter.

Alicia resides in Maryland with her wonderful husband and son and is hard at work completing her next suspense novel.

DARK SIDE OF VALOR by Alicia Singleton

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